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DEPT. PLEASE PASS NSF FOR DR. JOHN THOMAS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TGEN, UR, US
SUBJ: U.S. - USSR NSF -SPONSORED METALLURGY EXCHANGE: POSTPONEMENT
OF MAIN SOVDEL

REF: (A) STATE 198507 (B) MOSCOW 12234

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. MESSAGE FOR KOLOTYRKIN (REF A) WAS 11 AUG-
UST PROVIDED TO ISHCHENKO, SCST, WHO REQUESTED MEETING AT SCST FOR
12 AUGUST. AT MEETING, CHUPRIKOV ASKED EMBOFF TO INFORM STAEHLE
THAT SOVIET DELEGATION CANNOT COME DURING PERIOD SUGGESTED BY U.S.
SIDE, AND THAT BEST TIME FOR SOVDEL VISIT WOULD BE LATE JANUARY.
CHUPRIKOV SAID THAT LETTER TO SUCH EFFECT WILL BE PREPARED AND SENT
TO STAEHLE THROUGH EMBASSY WITHIN A WEEK.

2. EMBOFF AGREED TO INFORM NSF AND STAEHLE, BUT OBSERVED THAT
UNDOUBTEDLY SOME PREPARATIONS HAD ALREADY GONE FORWARD ON PROPOSED
TIMING, AND THAT THE WORK WOULD BE LOST. EMBOFF PRESSED FOR
REASON FOR DELAY, AND CHUPRIKOV SAID THAT (A) EXACT DATES HAD
NEVER BEEN PROPOSED, (B) KOLOTYRKIN HAD BEEN UNABLE TO VISIT
(SEE CHUPRIKOV STATEMENT, PARA 1 OF REF B), AND (C) IT
WOULD TAKE "AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH" JUST TO CON-
TACT THE MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, SINCE
IT IS NOW AUGUST. CHUPRIKOV SAID THAT REASONS WOULD BE
PROVIDED "IN DETAIL" IN LETTER. EMBOFF PROMISED TO RELAY
THIS MESSAGE TO NSF AND TO STAEHLE, AND TO PROVIDE TO SCST
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THE U.S.-SIDE REACTION. PLEASE ADVISE. END UNCLASSIFED.

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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH
CHUPRIKOV'S REASONS FOR DELAY MAY BE FACTOR, IT IS ALSO
POSSIBLE THAT PREPARATIONS FOR BRITISH DELEGATION(REF B,
PARA 2) HAVE SCUTTLED SOVDEL VISIT FOR THE MOMENT.
SINCE SOVIETS HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF TALKING TO BOTH THE
BRITISH AND THE AMERICANS, IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR NSF TO
COMPARE NOTES WITH THE BRITISH. SCI OFFICE WILL, IF REQUESTED,
MAKE INITIAL APPROACH TO BRITISH ON THIS, BUT SHOULD BE ADVISED
ON AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS AND ANY SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED.
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